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Letter dated 8 November 2011 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit the "Declaration on the deployment of the frigate HMS *Montrose* to the Malvinas Islands", adopted by the States members of the Union of South American Nations on 29 October 2011, in Asunción (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 45.

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Declaration on the deployment of the frigate HMS *Montrose* to the Malvinas Islands

The States members of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR), in view of the communication sent by British military forces concerning the deployment of the frigate HMS *Montrose* to the South Atlantic for a period of six months to provide a reassuring presence in the region and to protect British interests, reiterate their rejection of the British military presence in the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia Islands and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas.

As expressly stated by UNASUR on 12 October 2010, this military presence is contrary to the region's policy of seeking a peaceful settlement of the sovereignty dispute concerning the question of the Malvinas Islands, and particularly to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 31/49.

In this respect, the States members of UNASUR reaffirm their previous declarations, reiterate their strong support for the legitimate rights of the Argentine Republic in the dispute with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia Islands and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas, and reaffirm the region's abiding interest in an agreement by the United Kingdom to resume negotiations with Argentina in order to find, as soon as possible, a peaceful and definitive solution to this dispute, in accordance with the guidelines of the international community, the previous declarations and communiqués of UNASUR and the relevant resolutions and declarations of the United Nations and the Organization of American States.